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IRRADIATION APPARATUS, AND

METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed May 15, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 20, 2004; July 21, 2005; November 13, 2006; January 17, 2007; February 27, 2007; and March 13, 2007.

A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-50 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 23, 29, 37 and 43 are independent. The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 5-16 and 23-48 (pages 5-6, Paper No. 20070501). For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.